

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with ISLAN ETTEHADIEH on 03/6/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 6 (currently amended) A TDMA communications apparatus for carrying out communication using TDMA technology in which a frame is divided into a plurality of slots, a slot being treated as a unit of data transmission, and said TDMA communications apparatus performs TDMA communication while reserving slots for own transmission, said TDMA communications apparatus comprising:

a detection unit detecting violations;

a violation information memory for storing the detected violations in a manner that allows a comparison between content of a slot allocation table and/or database of other stations storing slot allocation status of each station and received messages; and

a readout device reading out information from the violation information memory,

wherein the violations include at least one of the following violations:

a violation of a predetermined rule,

a violation in a link entry mode,

a violation in an autonomous and continuous mode,

a violation in a link abort operation,

a violation related to an access scheme,

a violation wherein a station reserves multiple slots and uses only part of the multiple reserved slots, a violation being an act of varying a time-out value when the

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varying of the time-out value was determined to be unnecessary,
a violation being an act of reserving a slot in a frame more than one frame in
advance,
a violation being an act of reserving a slot not in a pertinent selection interval,
a violation being a prohibited act, and
a violation being an act of slot reservation not in accordance with an order of
priority.

Conclusion

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor **Jay Patel**, can be reach on **(571) 272-2988**. The fax phone number for this group is **(571) 273-8300**.

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